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REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS

Questions from the Hon Mark Banasiak MLC

Questions regarding Bridle track

1. As the former Mayor of Bathurst you would be aware that the Wicketts Creek crossing has washed out three times because the engineering design of this crossing is flawed, and has since been repaired with funds given by your government to the same flawed standard.

Given your direct knowledge of the problem with this creek crossing, why did you authorise the expenditure of taxpayer money to rebuild this creek crossing with no engineering upgrade to ensure it will withstand further flood events?
2. When providing tax payer funds to this project, did you or your departments consider that the access to the proposed Native Dog bypass loop requires all the plant, personel and equipment to drive over the Wicketts Creek crossing which has flawed engineering?
3. When providing tax payer funds to this project, did you or your department consider what will happen to this completion of this work when the Wicketts Creek crossing washes away during the next flood event?
4. Given your statements in the hearing that it is a local council road and therefore council responsibility, what guarantee can you make that the tax payers money provided by your government will be appropriately managed and spent to deliver a road that is of superior quality than original road?
5. What level of oversight or quality control will your department have over the administration of these funds and delivery of intended project?

Questions regarding Dubbo bridge

6. Mr Paul Toole MP told the Budget Estimates hearing on 10 March 2021 that nothing would ever be built in rural areas if projects only took account of benefit cost ratios (BCR). That for projects to be considered they need a BCR of one. Suzie Harwood, Executive Director of Freight with Transport for NSW told the Livestock and Bulk Rural Carriers AGM on Saturday 6th of March in Dubbo, that it was uncommon for projects in rural areas to obtain a BCR of greater than 5. There is a big difference between the BCR given to River Street of 0.3 and 5. Dubbo residents and the transport industry want Troy Bridge to be studied. As none of the very few bridge locations studied achieved a BCR greater than one. So, why did the Government stop looking for a more suitable bridge location?
7. Mr Toole claimed that River Street was the best option in case of flooding, despite it being between two patches of the Newell Highway, that require flood detours on both sides. The 'flood detour' on the east bank of the river has a flooded creek on Yarrandale Road. The 'flood detour' on the west bank has flooding on Thompson St. It also interferes with access to the LH Ford Bridge, during a flood, by routing Newell Highway traffic into the intersection serving it. Troy Bridge Road is the narrowest part of the river with the steepest banks and a high-level bridge there would require no flood detours, why was Troy not examined for the new Dubbo bridge?

8. When the location for a new Dubbo bridge was announced, it was promoted as a one in 20-year flood bridge. Without any change in height, location or route, it is now being promoted as a one in 100-year flood event bridge, with approach roads that can cope with a 1 in 50-year flood event, which statement is correct?

9. The approach roads for the River St Bridge, Dubbo, were quoted in the Review of Environmental Factors as coping with a one in 50-year flood event, as measured at its Eastern abutment. Providing documentary evidence in the form of hydrology reports to back up your responses, what level of flood protection will the approach roads offer at:
 - (a) the western abutment
 - (b) the intersection of Thompson Street & Whylandra Street.
 - (c) the intersection of Thompson Street and the 'flood detour' slip lane that joins the link road to the River Street bridge.
 - (d) the creek on Yarrandale Road.
 - (e) the intersection of Bourke Street & Brisbane Street, Dubbo?

10. If the River Street Bridge is built, two more lanes of traffic will be added to the intersection opposite Whylandra Street, as well as two further lanes of traffic in the form of a two-way slip lane less than 50metres up from the intersection. A study from 3 December 2015, by GTA Consultants showed that the intersection of Thompson Street & Whylandra Street would become far more congested if the River Street Bridge was built. However, the levels of congestion that it predicted at this intersection have already been realised in 2021 without a bridge having yet been built. Has there been any accurate traffic modelling carried out by Transport for NSW in the last 12 months to indicate:
 - (a) the effect on road safety from creating such a bottleneck over the next 20 years.
 - (b) the effect on length of queues on Thompson Street and the queues on Mitchell Highway from vehicles attempting to enter/leave Thompson Street?
 - (c) the effect on lengths of queues that introduced on Whylandra Street, the link road to the proposed River Street Bridge, across the Serisier Bridge and on Erskine Street by adding lanes and traffic lights to the intersection of Thompson and Whylandra Street?
 - (d) If not, why not?

11. Mr Toole told Budget Estimates that the Dubbo bypass would be used by 10per cent of traffic. This statistic was derived from an origin-destination traffic survey carried by GTA consultants on 3 December 2015. This statistic was for cars and a statistic of 23per cent was calculated for heavy vehicles. Did the Minister deliberately mislead the estimates committee?

12. Is it correct that information from Transport NSW indicated that the objective of the traffic survey did not include examining the viability of a bridge at Troy or a bypass and several major heavy routes in Dubbo were excluded in the design of the survey?

13. Why is the NSW Government using the survey released by Transport NSW to argue against Troy Bridge and a bypass when it excluded the bypass from study?

14. Local Dubbo residents and local trucking and courier companies have indicated that they want a bypass and would use it. Doesn't the false assumption that only through traffic would use the bypass invalidate its conclusions?
15. Only one statistic was derived for all non-stopping traffic in this survey. As Dubbo is on the crossroads of three highways, wouldn't a properly designed traffic survey calculate a statistic for each highway (and other heavy vehicle route) separately?
16. Why haven't you released the business case for the River Street Bridge. You mention that other data was used besides the BCR. If this included data such as the GTA Traffic survey, the public and other decision makers have a right to examine it.
17. Has the NSW Government and/or the independent panel done a feasibility study and full costing to upgrade the Eumungerie-Tomingley Roads including:
 - (a) Replacing the road pavement, adding road base, widening the lanes and adding shoulders, overtaking lanes etc. for its 90km length?
 - (b) The cost of replacing the current bridges and adding more bridges and/or other measures to flood proof the route?
 - (c) The cost to build another bypass around Narromine that doesn't use residential streets and pass four schools?
 - (d) The cost to the federal government of two rail overpasses that will replace the currently planned level crossings for Inland Rail.
 - (e) The cost of adding speed cameras and heavy vehicle weigh stations to the route, as are required on all highways?
 - (f) Finally, what is the combined cost of the Narromine 'bypass' (upgraded Eumungerie-Tomingley Roads) and the proposed River Street Bridge, Dubbo?
 - (g) Has the NSW Government done a feasibility study to determine the cost of an approx. 10km Newell Highway bypass via Dubbo with a raised Troy Bridge?
 - (h) If so, how do the costings compare? Would a Newell Highway bypass be cheaper than the River Street Bridge and the use of the Eumungerie-Tomingley Roads as Dubbo's bypass?

Questions from the Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)
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Active transport infrastructure in Regional NSW

18. What is the total amount of funding that appears in the 2020-2021 State Budget for new infrastructure for people who ride or walk in regional NSW?
19. What are the individual projects for new infrastructure for people who ride or walk in regional NSW and what is the total amount allocated to each project in the 2020-2021 State Budget?
20. What projects in regional NSW are funded under the \$4.6 million allocated to the NSW Cycling Infrastructure Fund?

21. Of the total amount of funding allocated to new infrastructure for people who ride or walk in the 2020-2021 State Budget, what proportion is for projects in:
- (a) Central West and Orana?
 - (b) Far West?
 - (c) New England North West?
 - (d) Newcastle and Hunter?
 - (e) North Coast?
 - (f) Riverina Murray?
 - (g) South East and Tablelands?
 - (h) Wollongong and the Illawarra?
 - (i) The Blue Mountains?
 - (j) The Central Coast?
22. What provisions are being made to increase mode share between rail and active transport as part of the New Intercity Fleet?
23. What is the total budget for initiatives or infrastructure to increase mode share between rail and active transport as part of the New Intercity Fleet?
24. What is the total budget for initiatives or infrastructure in 2020-2021 to increase mode share between rail and active transport as part of the New Intercity Fleet?
25. What provisions are being made to increase mode share between rail and active transport as part of the Regional Rail replacement project?
26. What is the total budget for initiatives or infrastructure to increase mode share between rail and active transport as part of the Regional Rail replacement project?
27. What is the total budget for initiatives or infrastructure in 2020-2021 to increase mode share between rail and active transport as part of the Regional Rail replacement project?

Albury City Bicycle Plan

28. What has been the total amount spent by the NSW Government funding projects forming part of the Albury City Bicycle Plan in 2019-2020?

29. What is the total amount allocated in the 2020-2021 State Budget for projects forming part of the Albury City Bicycle Plan?

Armidale Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan

30. What has been the total amount spent by the NSW Government funding projects forming part of the Armidale Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan in 2019-2020?
31. What is the total amount allocated in the 2020-2021 State Budget for projects forming part of the Armidale Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan?

Broken Hill Active Transport Plan

32. What has been the total amount spent by the NSW Government funding projects forming part of the Broken Hill Active Transport Plan in 2019-2020?
33. What is the total amount allocated in the 2020-2021 State Budget for projects forming part of the Broken Hill Active Transport Plan?

Cycleway Design Toolbox

34. What initiatives have Transport for NSW introduced in 2020-2021 to increase the awareness and utilisation of the Cycleway Design Toolbox in regional NSW?
35. How is Transport for NSW measuring the uptake of the Cycleway Design Toolbox in regional NSW?

Electric Scooters and Personal Mobility Devices

36. Has the Minister considered trialling electric scooters and personal mobility devices in regional NSW?
37. Have any regional councils approached Transport for NSW to conduct a trial of electric scooters since the Electric Scooter Advisory Working Group issued its *Electric Scooter Trial Recommendations Report*?
38. If so, which councils?
39. Is the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads supportive of conducting a trial of electric scooters and personal mobility devices in regional NSW?

Goulburn Mulwaree Bicycle Strategy

40. What has been the total amount spent by the NSW Government funding projects forming part of the Goulburn Mulwaree Bicycle Strategy in 2019-2020?
41. What is the total amount allocated in the 2020-2021 State Budget for projects forming part of the Goulburn Mulwaree Bicycle Strategy Plan?

Lake Macquarie Cycling Strategy

42. What has been the total amount spent by the NSW Government funding projects forming part of the Lake Macquarie Cycling Strategy in 2019-2020?
43. What is the total amount allocated in the 2020-2021 State Budget for projects forming part of the Lake Macquarie Cycling Strategy?

Lismore City Walking and Cycling Strategy

44. What has been the total amount spent by the NSW Government funding projects forming part of the Lismore City Walking and Cycling Strategy in 2019-2020?
45. What is the total amount allocated in the 2020-2021 State Budget for projects forming part of the Lismore City Walking and Cycling Strategy?

On demand transit services

46. For each of the trials of on-demand bus services in NSW, how many passengers contributed to an evaluation process to assess the trial's success?
47. For each of these trials, how many passengers that contributed to evaluations were over the age of 55?
48. Has the Government consulted with seniors groups and organisations as part of the evaluation of on demand transit services?
49. How did this consultation occur and which groups participated?

Port Stephens Cycling Strategy

50. What has been the total amount spent by the NSW Government funding projects forming part of the Port Stephens Cycling Strategy in 2019-2020?
51. What is the total amount allocated in the 2020-2021 State Budget for projects forming part of the Port Stephens Cycling Strategy?

Rail Trails

52. What is the total number of visitors recorded at the Tumbarumba to Rosewood Rail Trail as of 10 March 2021 since the trail opened?
53. What is the total amount of revenue to the local community estimated to have been raised by the Tumbarumba to Rosewood Rail Trail since it opened?
54. What is the total amount of funding expended in the year since the trail opened on trail maintenance?
55. What has been the total amount of funding expended on the initial stages of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail since legislation was passed to convert the disused Casino to Murwillumbah branch line into a rail trail comprising a 24-kilometre stretch between Crabbes Creek and Condong, and a second 13-kilometre segment between Casino and Bentley?
56. What is the total amount of funding allocated in the 2020-2021 State Budget for the delivery of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail?
57. Since September 2020, what discussions has the Minister and Transport for NSW had in relation to converting the remainder of the line for the Northern Rivers Rail Trail?
58. What is required for the NSW Government to convert the remainder of the line for the Northern Rivers Rail Trail?
59. What are the criteria by which the Tumbarumba to Rosewood and Northern Rivers rail trail pilots will be deemed to have succeeded or failed?
60. What is the status of the third project identified by the Nationals as a pilot rail trail, the Armidale to Glenn Innes section of the New England Rail Trail?

Regional Seniors Travel Card

61. What was the total number of people who applied for and received a Regional Seniors Travel Card in the first year of the trial?
62. How many Regional Seniors Travel Cards were redeemed to the full value of \$250 in the first year of the trial?
63. In the first year of the trial, how many Regional Seniors Travel Cards were redeemed to value of:
 - (a) \$0
 - (b) Between \$1-\$50?
 - (c) Between \$51-\$100?
 - (d) Between \$101-\$150?
 - (e) Between \$151-200?
 - (f) Between \$201-\$250?
64. What was the total amount of money redeemed in the first year of the trial?
65. As of 10 March 2021, what is the total amount of money redeemed in the second year of the trial?
66. What was the total amount of money redeemed in the first year of the trial using the following merchant category codes:
 - (a) 4111 – Local/suburban commuter passenger transportation – railroads, ferries, local water transportation?
 - (b) 4112 – Passenger railways?
 - (c) 4121 – Taxis?
 - (d) 5541 – Service stations (with or without ancillary services)?
 - (e) 4131 – Bus lines?
 - (f) 5983 – Fuel?
 - (g) 4789 – Transportation services (not elsewhere classified)?
 - (h) 5542 – Automated fuel dispensers?
 - (i) 9399 – Government services (not elsewhere classified)?
 - (j) 4011 – Railroads – Freight?

- (k) 763 – Agricultural co-operatives?
 - (l) 5172 – Petroleum and petroleum products?
67. In the first year of the trial, how many claims of misuse of the card were reported?
68. How many of these reports were investigated?
69. How many of these investigations resulted in further action including the suspension of cards or criminal proceedings?
70. What was the total cost of the Regional Seniors Travel Card Scheme in the first year of the trial, including the administration costs for the program?
71. How many people applied for and received a Regional Seniors Travel Card in the first year of the trial in the following local government areas:
- (a) Albury City Council?
 - (b) Armidale Regional Council?
 - (c) Ballina Shire Council?
 - (d) Balranald Shire Council?
 - (e) Bathurst Regional Council
 - (f) Bega Valley Shire Council?
 - (g) Bellingen Shire Council?
 - (h) Berrigan Shire Council?
 - (i) Bland Shire Council?
 - (j) Blayney Shire Council?
 - (k) Bogan Shire Council?
 - (l) Bourke Shire Council?
 - (m) Brewarrina Shire Council?
 - (n) Broken Hill City Council?
 - (o) Byron Shire Council?
 - (p) Cabonne Council?
 - (q) Carrathool Shire Council?

- (r) Central Coast Council?
- (s) Central Darling Shire Council?
- (t) Cessnock City Council?
- (u) Clarence Valley Council?
- (v) Cobar Shire Council?
- (w) Coffs Harbour City Council?
- (x) Coolamon Shire Council?
- (y) Coonamble Shire Council?
- (z) Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council?
- (aa) Cowra Shire Council?
- (bb) Dubbo Regional Council?
- (cc) Dungog Shire Council?
- (dd) Edward River Council?
- (ee) Eurobodalla Shire Council?
- (ff) Federation Council?
- (gg) Forbes Shire Council?
- (hh) Gilgandra Shire Council?
- (ii) Glen Innes Severn Council?
- (jj) Goulburn Mulwaree Council?
- (kk) Greater Hume Shire Council?
- (ll) Griffith City Council?
- (mm) Gunnedah Shire Council?
- (nn) Gwydir Shire Council?
- (oo) Hay Shire Council?
- (pp) Hilltops Council?
- (qq) Inverell Shire Council?
- (rr) Junee Shire Council?

- (ss) Kempsey Shire Council?
- (tt) Kiama Municipal Council?
- (uu) Kyogle Council?
- (vv) Lachlan Shire Council?
- (ww) Lake Macquarie City Council?
- (xx) Leeton Shire Council?
- (yy) Lismore City Council?
- (zz) Lithgow City Council?
- (aaa) Liverpool Plains Shire Council?
- (bbb) Lockhart Shire Council?
- (ccc) Lord Howe?
- (ddd) Maitland City Council?
- (eee) Mid-Coast Council?
- (fff) Mid-Western Regional Council?
- (ggg) Moree Plains Shire Council?
- (hhh) Murray River Council?
- (iii) Murrumbidgee Council?
- (jjj) Muswellbrook Shire Council?
- (kkk) Nambucca Shire Council?
- (lll) Narrabri Shire Council?
- (mmm) Narrandera Shire Council?
- (nnn) Narromine Shire Council?
- (ooo) Oberon Council?
- (ppp) Orange City Council?
- (qqq) Parkes Shire Council?
- (rrr) Port Macquarie-Hastings Council?
- (sss) Port Stephens Council?

- (ttt) Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council?
- (uuu) Richmond Valley Council?
- (vvv) Shellharbour City Council?
- (www) Shoalhaven City Council?
- (xxx) Singleton Council?
- (yyy) Snowy Monaro Regional Council?
- (zzz) Snowy Valleys Council?
- (aaaa) Tamworth Regional Council?
- (bbbb) Temora Shire Council?
- (cccc) Tenterfield Shire Council?
- (dddd) Tweed Shire Council?
- (eeee) Unincorporated Far West?
- (ffff) Upper Hunter Shire Council?
- (gggg) Upper Lachlan Shire Council?
- (hhhh) Uralla Shire Council?
- (iiii) Wagga Wagga City Council?
- (jjjj) Walcha Council?
- (kkkk) Walgett Shire Council?
- (llll) Warren Shire Council?
- (mmmm) Warrumbungle Shire Council?
- (nnnn) Weddin Shire Council?
- (oooo) Wentworth Shire Council?
- (pppp) Wingecarribee Shire Council?
- (qqqq) Yass Valley Council?

72. In the first year of the trial, how many people redeemed cards to the value of (a) \$0, (b) \$1-\$50, (c) \$51-\$100, (d) \$101-\$150, (e) \$151-\$200, or (f) \$201-\$250, in each of the following regions:
- (a) Albury City Council?
 - (b) Armidale Regional Council?
 - (c) Ballina Shire Council?
 - (d) Balranald Shire Council?
 - (e) Bathurst Regional Council?
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- (gg) Forbes Shire Council?
- (hh) Gilgandra Shire Council?
- (ii) Glen Innes Severn Council?
- (jj) Goulburn Mulwaree Council?
- (kk) Greater Hume Shire Council?
- (ll) Griffith City Council?
- (mm) Gunnedah Shire Council?
- (nn) Gwydir Shire Council?
- (oo) Hay Shire Council?
- (pp) Hilltops Council?
- (qq) Inverell Shire Council?
- (rr) Junee Shire Council?
- (ss) Kempsey Shire Council?
- (tt) Kiama Municipal Council?
- (uu) Kyogle Council?
- (vv) Lachlan Shire Council?
- (ww) Lake Macquarie City Council?
- (xx) Leeton Shire Council?
- (yy) Lismore City Council?
- (zz) Lithgow City Council?

- (aaa) Liverpool Plains Shire Council?
- (bbb) Lockhart Shire Council?
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73. Of the total number of people who successfully applied for Regional Seniors Travel Cards in the first year of the trial, how many identified as:
- (a) Female?
 - (b) Male?
 - (c) Other or didn't say?
74. As of 10 March 2021, how many people in NSW have applied for and received a Regional Seniors Travel Card in the second year of the trial?
75. As of 10 March 2021, what has been the total amount expended to date on the Regional Seniors Travel Card in the second year of the trial?
76. How many people applied for a Regional Seniors Travel Card in the first year of the trial, but were rejected?

77. Of those that were rejected in the first year of the trial, how many applications were rejected because the applicant:
- (a) Did not live in an eligible geographical region?
 - (b) Was in receipt of a Disability Support Pension?
 - (c) Was in receipt of a Carers payment?
 - (d) Other reasons (please describe)?
78. Of those that were rejected in the first year of the trial for not living in an eligible geographical region, how many applications were rejected because the applicant lived in:
- (a) Wollongong Local Government Area?
 - (b) Newcastle Local Government Area?
 - (c) The Blue Mountains Local Government Area?
79. How many applicants in receipt of a Carers payment or Disability Support pension were erroneously approved for a Regional Seniors Travel Card in April 2020?
80. What was the technical error that led to these applications being approved?
81. How was the error communicated to recipients?
82. In the first year of the trial, how many Regional Seniors Travel Cards were issued to applicants in receipt of a service pension, *Disability Pension under the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* or War Widow(er) Pension?
83. How many eligible veterans applied for the Regional Seniors Travel Card before the eligibility criteria was amended to include applicants in receipt of a service pension, *Disability Pension under the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* or War Widow(er) Pension?
84. Did the NSW Government automatically issue Regional Seniors Travel Cards to veterans who were rejected prior to the eligibility criteria being amended?
85. Did the NSW Government proactively contact veterans who were rejected prior to the eligibility criteria being amended to ensure they reapplied for a Regional Seniors Travel Card?
86. How many veterans that applied prior to the eligibility criteria changing did not successfully receive a Regional Seniors Travel Card in the first year of the trial?
87. What was the total amount of money spent by the NSW Government on advertising the availability of the Regional Seniors Travel Card in the first year of the trial?

88. What is the total amount of funding allocated in the 2020-2021 State Budget towards advertising the availability of the Regional Seniors Travel Card?
89. Is Transport for NSW or the Minister aware of any scams or fraud in relation to the Regional Seniors Travel Card? If so, what were/are the scams or alleged fraud?
90. What action has the NSW Government taken to protect regional seniors from scams or fraud in relation to the Regional Seniors Travel Card?

Footpaths in Regional NSW

91. What is the total amount expended in 2019-2020 by the NSW State Government on the construction of new footpaths across regional NSW?
92. What is the total amount expended in 2019-2020 by the NSW State Government on the repair of existing footpaths across regional NSW?
93. What is the total amount allocated in the 2020-2021 State Budget for the construction of new footpaths across regional NSW?
94. What is the total amount allocated in the 2020-2021 State Budget for the NSW State Government on the repair of existing footpaths across regional NSW?

Great Western Highway Upgrade

95. What investigations have been taken by Transport for NSW to improve cyclist and pedestrian safety at Faulconbridge following the concerns raised by the Blue Mountains Cycling Safety Forum?
96. What specific initiatives are being proposed by Transport for NSW to improve cyclist and pedestrian safety along the length of the Great Western Highway?
97. What is the total amount of funding spent by Transport for NSW to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety as part of the Great Western Highway Upgrade in 2019-2020?
98. What is the total amount of funding allocated in the 2020-2021 State Budget to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety as part of the Great Western Highway Upgrade?
99. How much money was specifically spent in 2020-2021 to improve cyclist and pedestrian safety on the Great Western Highway between Metro Petroleum and Todarellos Fruit House, Faulconbridge?

100. In 2020-2021, what is the total amount of money spent to resurface the Great Western Highway between Metro Petroleum and Todarellos Fruit House, Faulconbridge, as a means to repair the dangerous slip hazard for cyclists caused by the original resurfacing?
101. What money has been allocated in the 2020-2021 State Budget to design, plan and construct additional pathways adjacent to the Highway between Metro Petroleum and Todarellos Fruit House, Faulconbridge?

School safety in regional NSW

102. What is the total amount spent on road safety improvements around NSW schools in regional NSW in 2019-2020?
103. What is the total amount allocated to road safety improvements around NSW schools in regional NSW in 2020-2021?
104. As of 10 March 2021, to date what is the total amount spent on road safety improvements around NSW schools in regional NSW in 2020-2021?
105. What is the total amount spent on renewing line markings such as dragon's teeth around NSW schools in regional NSW in 2019-2020?
106. What is the total amount allocated to renewing line markings such as dragon's teeth around NSW schools in regional NSW in 2020-2021?
107. As of 10 March 2021, to date what is the total amount spent on renewing line markings such as dragon's teeth around NSW schools in regional NSW in 2020-2021?
108. What is the total amount spent on maintaining school zone flashing lights around NSW schools in regional NSW in 2019-2020?
109. What is the total amount allocated to maintaining school zone flashing lights around NSW schools in regional NSW in 2020-2021?
110. As of 10 March 2021, to date what is the total amount spent on maintaining school zone flashing lights around NSW schools in regional NSW in 2020-2021?
111. What is the total amount spent on upgrading pedestrian crossings around NSW schools in regional NSW in 2019-2020?
112. What is the total amount allocated to upgrading pedestrian crossings around NSW schools in regional NSW in 2020-2021?

113. As of 10 March 2021, to date what is the total amount spent on upgrading pedestrian crossings around NSW schools in regional NSW in 2020-2021?
114. What is the total amount spent on employing crossing supervisors for NSW schools in regional NSW in 2019-2020?
115. What is the total amount allocated to employing crossing supervisors for NSW schools in regional NSW in 2020-2021?
116. As of 10 March 2021, to date what is the total amount spent on employing crossing supervisors for NSW schools in regional NSW in 2020-2021?
117. What is the total amount spent on hiring new crossing supervisors for NSW schools in regional NSW in 2019-2020?
118. What is the total amount allocated to hiring new crossing supervisors for NSW schools in regional NSW in 2020-2021?
119. As of 10 March 2021, to date what is the total amount spent on hiring new crossing supervisors for NSW schools in regional NSW in 2020-2021?
120. In each of the following months, how many new crossing supervisors were hired at schools in regional NSW in:
 - (a) June 2020?
 - (b) July 2020?
 - (c) August 2020?
 - (d) September 2020?
 - (e) October 2020?
 - (f) November 2020?
 - (g) December 2020?
 - (h) January 2021?
 - (i) February 2021?
121. In each of the following months, what was the total number of crossing supervisors employed by Transport for NSW at schools in regional NSW:
 - (a) June 2020?
 - (b) July 2020?
 - (c) August 2020?

- (d) September 2020?
- (e) October 2020?
- (f) November 2020?
- (g) December 2020?
- (h) January 2021?
- (i) February 2021?

122. As of 10 March 2021, how many of the total number of crossing supervisors were employed at schools in regional NSW in:

- (a) Central West and Orana?
- (b) Far West?
- (c) New England North West?
- (d) Newcastle and Hunter?
- (e) North Coast?
- (f) Riverina Murray?
- (g) South East and Tablelands?
- (h) Wollongong and the Illawarra?
- (i) Greater Sydney?
- (j) Western Sydney?
- (k) The Blue Mountains?
- (l) The Central Coast?

123. As of 25 February 2021, how many NSW schools in regional NSW do not have at least one crossing supervisor?

124. As of 25 February 2021, how many schools in each of the following regions do not have at least one crossing supervisor:

- (a) Central West and Orana?
- (b) Far West?
- (c) New England North West?
- (d) Newcastle and Hunter?

- (e) North Coast?
- (f) Riverina Murray?
- (g) South East and Tablelands?
- (h) Wollongong and the Illawarra?
- (i) The Blue Mountains?
- (j) The Central Coast?

125. In 2019-2020, how many schools in regional NSW applied for a crossing supervisor?
126. How many schools in regional NSW to date in 2020-2021 have applied for a crossing supervisor?
127. In 2019-2020, how many schools in regional NSW applied for a crossing supervisor and were rejected?
128. How many schools in regional NSW to date in 2020-2021 have applied for a crossing supervisor and were rejected?

XPT Replacements

129. When will the first new carriages arrive in Australia for testing?
130. Will the safety testing be carried out by the manufacturers using the same model as the New Intercity Fleet (NIF)?
131. Who will be responsible for developing the safe work model on the XPTs and will this be done in consultation with the Union?
132. What is the current cost estimate for the new replacement fleet?
133. What is the current status of the existing XPT fleet?
 - (a) How many of the current XPTs are fully operational?
 - (b) What is the current provision for maintenance?
134. How many XPT services required a replacement bus for some portion of their journey in each financial year from 2018-19 to 2020-21?
135. How many XPT trips were taken in each financial year from 2018-19 to 2020-21 by destination?

Fast rail network strategy

136. The 2019-20 State Budget included an initial \$295 million to commence the delivery of a new fast rail network;
- (a) Sydney to Canberra - \$80 million for preliminary work on a new straightened route to a high speed standard between Menangle and Yerrinbool, north of Goulburn.
 - (b) Sydney to Nowra - \$125 million to start the duplication of the rail line between Berry and Gerringong, with a 4km section of the line to be upgraded, along with extra platforms at Bomaderry to allow for more frequent services.
 - (c) Sydney to Newcastle & Port Macquarie - \$80 million to develop a new rail alignment between northern Sydney and Woy Woy, including investigation of potential tunnelling options which will support high speed trains to better connect the Central Coast to Sydney.
 - (d) Sydney to the Central West – an initial \$10 million to get work underway on a route, including options for crossing the Blue Mountains and planning work to improve the route to the Central West.
 - i. What is the current status of these projects?
 - ii. How much has been expended on each project thus far?

Tweed light rail

137. What is the current status of planning for the Tweed Heads Light Rail Project?

Bus on Demand Trials

138. How many on demand bus trials are currently operating in NSW?
- (a) What are the locations?
 - (b) What is the current contract breakdown for each area regarding costs?
 - (c) What other areas are being looked at for trials?
 - (d) How many trials did not continue in 2020/21?
 - i. What were the locations where trials ceased?

NSW Freight and Ports Plan

139. What is the total expenditure allocated from Restart NSW Funding up to 2020/21 for:
- (a) Fixing Country Rail (\$400m)
 - (b) Fixing Country Roads (\$543m)
140. The Implementation Plan 2018-2023 includes working with NSW Ports and Port of Newcastle to deliver their Master Plans and develop new markets, what are the key achievements in these initiatives?
141. The NSW Government committed to support legislative reforms, to ensure national harmonisation of laws and regulatory bodies governing the freight industry and reduce industry costs, including Advocate for Australian legislative amendments to facilitate the greater use of coastal shipping.
- (a) What work has the NSW Government done in the area of promoting Coastal Shipping and in particular shipping under an Australian Flag?
142. The NSW Government committed to improve information and remove red tape for rail operators, including investigating improvements to Rail Vehicle Accreditation, which could streamline approvals for rolling stock operators.
- (a) What initiatives are being proposed or undertaken to remove red tape?
143. The plan has a target of 28% Rail mode share to and from Port Botany. In January 2020 the share was 17.2% and in January 2021 it was 16.2%.
- (a) What are the specific strategies for reaching the target of 28% by 2023?

Regional Seniors Travel Card

144. The Regional Seniors Travel Card had a budget of \$95 million over two years according to Parliamentary Budget Office.
- (a) What is the current budget for the scheme?
 - (b) What has been the expenditure on the program since its introduction?
 - (c) The predicted take up rate was 40% of eligible people, what has been the actual take up rate in;
 - i. 2019/20
 - ii. 2020/21

Transport Access Program

145. What is the current cost and completion dates for the following station projects;

- (a) Casino
- (b) Dubbo
- (c) Grafton
- (d) Griffith
- (e) Gunnedah
- (f) Moree
- (g) Narrabri
- (h) Queanbeyan
- (i) Taree
- (j) Towradgi
- (k) Unanderra

Fixing Country Rail

146. What is the current status of the following projects?

- (a) Gulgong-Maryvale Line
- (b) Kandos-Gulgong Line
- (c) Cowra Line

147. What is the current status of the Business Case work for the following projects?

- (a) Orange – Parkes Bumberry - Crossing Loop
- (b) Junee – Griffith Junee North Fork to Main South Line – Line Reinstatement
- (c) Junee – Griffith Junee to Griffith – Intermediate Loops (approx. 2 loops) Orange – Dubbo Kerrs Creek – Crossing Loop
- (d) Orange – Dubbo Maryvale – Crossing Loop
- (e) Narrabri – Walgett Narrabri to Walgett – 25 TAL
- (f) Narromine – Cobar Narromine – Inland Rail Connectivity

- (g) Narromine – Cobar Narromine to Nyngan – Line Upgrades 25 TAL Narromine – Cobar Nyngan to Cobar – 25 TAL
- (h) Orange – Parkes Pinecliffe – Crossing Loop
- (i) Bowenfels – Orange Polona – Crossing Loop
- (j) Stockinbingal – Griffith Stockinbingal to Griffith – 25 TAL
- (k) Junee – Griffith Wumbugal – Siding

Regional Cities Service Improvement Program

148. What are the current completion dates for the following projects?

- (a) Albury – planning
- (b) Armidale – planning
- (c) Bathurst – planning
- (d) Coffs Harbour – planning
- (e) Dubbo – planning
- (f) Grafton – planning
- (g) Griffith – planning
- (h) Lismore – planning
- (i) Nowra-Bomaderry – planning
- (j) Orange – planning
- (k) Parkes – planning
- (l) Port Macquarie – planning
- (m) Queanbeyan – planning
- (n) Tamworth – planning

Freight Noise Attenuation Program

149. What was the total expenditure under the Freight Noise Attenuation Program

- (a) in Regional NSW
 - i. 2018/19

ii. 2019/20

(b) How many Regional projects?

Level Crossing Safety

150. How many Regional Level Crossing were closed in Regional NSW in 2019/20?

151. How many Regional level Crossings were upgraded in 2019/20?

(a) What was the cost of any projects?

L H Forde Bridge Dubbo

152. With regard to recent strengthening works on the LH Ford Bridge, Dubbo:

(a) When did the works commence?

(b) When were the works completed?

(c) What is the final cost of the works?

(d) Who conducted the works?

(e) Did the works require new piers?

(f) Are the piers failing?

(g) Are there any other matters arising from the works undertaken or related to failures within the works themselves?

River Street Bridge

153. With regard to the proposed River Street bridge project in Dubbo:

(a) Has all drilling in River Street from the river up to Brisbane Street been completed?

i. If not, when will the works be completed?

(b) Are there geological issue with the construction location of the bridge? If so, please state what the geological issues are?

15,000 Km Road Reclassification

154. Considering the delay in announcing the first tranche of roads for reclassification under the 15K Road reclassification project if councils spend money on roads that are subsequently transferred

to the state government will councils be reimbursed on that expenditure so that it can then expended on local roads?

- (a) If the answer is yes to the above question, how will this occur?
- (b) What will the timeframe be for the reimbursement process?

Newell Highway

155. Has there been a need to reconstruct the southbound overtaking lane coming into Parkes?

- (a) If so, why?
- (b) How many occasions has the overtaking lane required reconstruction or repair since initial completion of the work?
- (c) How much funding has been expended on repairing the reconstruction of this overtaking lane since initial reconstruction was completed?

156. With regard to repairs and reconstruction of the flood damaged road between West Wyalong and Forbes:

- (a) What was the final cost of these repairs?
- (b) Has there been need to undertake subsequent rehabilitation or repairs of this work since the completion of the initial reconstruction?
- (c) If so, what is the total cost of repairs and rehabilitation of these flood repairs and reconstruction since the works were initially completed? Please list by financial year.

157. What is the expenditure for each of the last four financial years on repairing overtaking lanes between West Wyalong and Forbes?

Employees

158. Minister, for each department, agency, State-owned corporation or other body, and for each division of those bodies, if any, in your portfolio:

- (a) What is the gender pay gap, both generally and across those employees in SEB or SEB-equivalent bands?
 - (b) What is the highest remuneration for female employees— both generally and for SEB/SEB-equivalent employees?
 - (c) What is the lowest pay received by female employees – both generally and for SEB/SEB-equivalent employees?

- (d) What is the average remuneration received by female employees – both generally and for SEB/SEB-equivalent employees?
- (e) What is the highest remuneration for male employees– both generally and for SEB/SEB-equivalent employees?
- (f) What is the lowest pay received by male employees – both generally and for SEB/SEB-equivalent employees?
- (g) What is the average remuneration received by male employees – both generally and for SEB/SEB-equivalent employees?
- (h) How many female and how many male SEB or SEB-equivalent employees are there?
- (i) What is the highest number of direct reports to female SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (j) What is the lowest number of direct reports to female SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (k) What is the average number of direct reports to female SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (l) What is the highest number of direct reports to male SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (m) What is the lowest number of direct reports to male SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (n) What is the average number of direct reports to male SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (o) What is the highest number of staff managed by female SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (p) What is the lowest number of number of staff managed by female SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (q) What is the average number of number of staff managed by female SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (r) What is the highest number of staff managed by male SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (s) What is the lowest number of number of staff managed by male SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (t) What is the average number of number of staff managed by male SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (u) In providing answers to questions (a) to (t), please provide the information for each SEB band or band equivalent.
- (v) What steps are you taking to eliminate the gender pay gap?
- (w) What timeframe have you set to eliminate the gender pay gap?

159. Cluster Secretary- for each department, agency, State-owned corporation or other body, and for each division of those bodies, if any, in your Cluster:

- (a) What is the gender pay gap, both generally and across those employees in SEB or SEB-equivalent bands?
- (b) What is the highest remuneration for female employees– both generally and for SEB/SEB-equivalent employees?

- (c) What is the lowest pay received by female employees – both generally and for SEB/SEB-equivalent employees?
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- (w) What timeframe have you set to eliminate the gender pay gap?

Local Government/ Grants

160. As the peak industry body, why wasn't Local Government NSW consulted by Deloitte as part of its report?
161. Why was the review into Regional Road Block Grants and the REPAIR program initiated?
162. Will the Minister commit to consulting with LGNSW and the local government sector prior to any elements of the Deloitte review being acted upon?
163. Will the Minister commit that no councils will be left worse off as a result of any changes to Regional Road Block Grants and the REPAIR program?
164. Does the government accept that both programs are vital to councils, local employment and the maintenance of the local road network?
165. Will the Minister commit to ensuring that Road Maintenance Contracts remain with councils?